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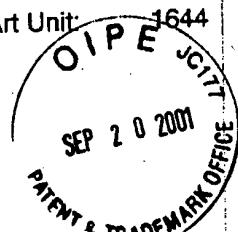
Title: CHRONIC RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS THERAPY CONTAINING
IL-6 ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT

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Sir:

I, Dr. Masahiko Mihara, declare:

1. A deposit of the hybridoma producing PM-1 has been accepted on July 12, 1989 under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty at the Patent and Bio-Resource Center, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Chuo No. 6, 1-1, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken 305-5466, Japan for patent purposes and assigned the following reference number FERM BP-2998.;
2. All restrictions on the availability to the public of the culture deposited will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of a patent from the above-identified application;
3. The deposit will be replaced if viable samples cannot be dispensed by the depository; and,
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